

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

Claim 1 (currently amended) A method for finishing a printed security sheet, said printed security sheet comprising at least one ~~distinguishing feature~~watermark, said method comprising:

- partially coating said printed security sheet in one step with a layer of lacquer to said at least one ~~distinguishing feature~~watermark, whereby said at least one ~~distinguishing feature~~watermark is emphasized by increasing the transparency thereof; and
- ~~coating~~lacquering said printed security sheet in another step over its whole surface to increase the durability of said security sheet.

Claims 2-5 (canceled)

Claim 6 (original) The method for finishing of claim 1, wherein a colorless lacquer is used for the lacquering.